FINAL BILL REPORT SSB 5428

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring notification to schools regarding the release of certain offenders.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Harper, Hargrove, Stevens, Zarelli, Pridemore, Shin and Roach).

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services

Background: A person who is required to register as a sex or kidnapping offender must give notice to the county sheriff within three days prior to arriving at a school or institution of higher education to attend classes, prior to starting work at an institution of higher education, and after any termination of enrollment or employment at a school or institution. The sheriff is, in turn, required to notify the school's principal or institution's department of public safety. If the student is a risk level II or III, the principal must provide information about the student to every teacher of the student and any other personnel who, in the judgment of the principal, supervises the student, or for security purposes, should be aware of the student's record. If the student is a risk level I, information may only be released to personnel who, in the judgment of the principal, should be aware of the student's record.

When a juvenile who was adjudicated of a violent offense, a sex offense, or stalking will be released from the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA), JRA must notify the chief of police, the sheriff, any private schools, and the school district board of directors in the vicinity in which the juvenile intends to reside. Notice must be provided at least 30 days prior to the juvenile's release.

Summary: No later than 30 days prior to a youth's release, the Department of Corrections (DOC) must notify the school district board of directors of the district in which the offender last attended school when the youth (1) is 21 years of age or younger; (2) has been found to have committed a violent offense, sex offense, or stalking; and (3) last attended school in this state.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 49 0 House 92 0

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